

**GAE Public Hearing February 2, 2009  
Raised Senate Bill No. 772**

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TO: Hon. Gayle S. Slossberg

February 3, 2009

Dear Sen. Slossberg

I am writing to you regarding an article in today's Waterbury CT. "Republican American" headlined "Small towns seek repeal of Web posts legislation".

As the volunteer webmaster for my town's website I believe I speak with some expertise, however I want to make it perfectly clear that the opinions and suggestions expressed here are mine alone, and do not necessarily represent those of the Town of Washington CT.

I agree completely with both the intent and the spirit of the subject legislation, and would not be in favor of its repeal. Further, I do not believe that postponing its enactment is necessary. Revision however is definitely needed as soon as possible.

Since the requirement for posting of minutes with the town clerk has not changed from its historic 7 days, I would suggest that increasing the web posting requirement to 14 days should be reasonable for any webmaster to meet, and still respect the public's interests. I urge you to consider that as a minimum extension.

Additionally, there has been a great deal of discussion among people directly involved with compliance over whether 7 days means "working" or "business" days. I respectfully request that any revision to the requirement clearly state which is intended.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully;

Stephen L. Wadelton

CC:

Hon. Andrew Roraback

Hon. Arthur O'Neill

Hon. Mark Lyon, First Selectman